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No. 1. Case Concerning Shooting to Death of Lepers on Nauru Island.

The air raids on Nauru Island by the Allied Forces having become increasingly intense, and in order to make the Lepers evacuate from Nauru Island, Vice-Commander NAKAYAMA who was the commander of the guard unit at the time ordered Naval Warrant Officer SAKATA who was attached to the Foreign Affairs Section of the guard unit, to give the following oral instructions to Yoshio ISHIKAWA (a member of the South Sea Colonization Co.) who was on the non-official staff attached to the Foreign Affairs Section; the executives of the Public Peace and Order Maintenance Society; the patients; and to their relations.

"Lepers in all the occupied zones under the Japanese Forces shall be interned in an island off Ponape Island situated in the Inner South Seas. They shall be assured of their life of struggle against the disease and the remainder of their lives by means of the Imperial grant from the Ex-Empress of Japan. Furthermore, the islanders of Nauru shall remove to Ponape Island at some later date for strategic reasons. In such a case, they will probably be able to come close to the Leper patients by means of canoes." This oral information was transmitted by Interpreter CHORDON /phonetics/.

At 9 a.m. (believe it was about June or July in 1943 /Showa 18/) of the evacuation day, all the patients were placed on Enemy Property Boat No. 8, which was dispatched from a guard-ship which was close to the place of internment. Non-Official Staff Member ISHIKAWA was at the send-off together with a large number of the islanders at the time when the boat sailed out under the command of Naval Warrant Officer SAKATA.

Consequently, this written report represents actual facts while Non-Official Staff-Member ISHIKAWA was in office on Nauru Island.

Thumb print and Seal
Reading ISHIKAWA

U. S. Williams, Major

No. 2. Personal Account by the Captain of the Guard-Ship about the Shooting to Death

As heard by ISHIKAWA:

1. Place: Foreign Affairs Section Room of the Guard Unit on Nauru Island (At that time, it was in Crime Town.)

1. Date: About June or July, 1943 (the day when the guard-ship entered the Port of Nauru via Nauru, Kusai and Yalu /phonetics/ Islands.
1. Persons at the meeting: Captain; ISHIKAWA; and SASAKOTO (the last-named two were non-official staff members.)

The Captain's Personal Account

At a point where the ship had just crossed a little way off the Equator line, the boat wherein the patients were interned and which was being towed about 200 meters behind the guard-ship was bombarded by a stationary gun on the /guard/ ship. A shell dropped into the sea 100 meters to the rear of the boat. All the patients stood up. Apparently they thought that this was due to the appearance of an Allied submarine against the Japanese troops. The second shell hit the boat, and all the patients stood up and sang a song while carrying the injured in their arms. Their song was probably their song of prayer to God. However, several more shells were fired from the guard ship and the patients were killed in each other's arms. Finally the boat keeled over, resulting in the death of most of the patients. One of the old men among the patients named LIBEYONG, who stayed on the boat to the last, was finally killed by rifle shots fired by the guards on board, by the order of the Commander.

Thumb print and Seal
Reading ISHIKAWA

(signed) U. S. Williams, Major

No. 3.

AFFIDAVIT

I have written down the true facts in accordance with the dictates of my conscience. I hereby swear that I have neither concealed nor added on anything.

Annexed two sheets of records bearing seals and thumb prints are attached. /T.N. NANYO TAKUSPOKO, KABUSEIKI KAISWA/

Dated this 28th day of October 1946 /Showa 21/

Yoshio ISHIKAWA (Seal and Thumb print)

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Sworn to, signed and imprinted with
the seal and the thumb of the right
hand of the within named ISHIKAWA,
Yoshio at TOKYO this 28th day of
October, 1946, before me.

W 89003 U. S. Williams (signed)
Major
An officer in the AUSTRALIAN Military
Forces

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ナウル島レブラ患者統殺事件

ナウル島聯合軍空襲増々猛シクナリナウル島レブラ
患者疎開ノ爲メ當時ノ警備隊指揮官タル中山副長ヨ
リ警備隊外務科附坂田兵曹長ヲ經テ外務科附囑託タ
ル石川好雄（在備南洋拓殖株式會社社員）及治安維
持會幹部、患者及其ノ縁者ニ口達アリタリ

「内南洋ボナベ島ノ離島ニ日本軍全占領地内ノレブ
ラ患者ヲ收容日本前皇后ノ御下賜金ニヨリ阿病生活
ト餘生ヲ保證スル、尙從日ナウル島民ハボナベ島ニ
作戦上移島スル、カカル場合患者トカヌーニヨリ接
近出來ルテアロウナドト通譯チヨルドンヲ以テ口達
アリタリ。」

疎開當日午前九時（昭和十八年六、七月頃ト思フ）
收容地ニ接近セル警戒船ヨリ並同ケラレタル搬運ボ
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セルヲ石川囑託ハ多クノ島民ト見送りタリ。
以上記セル事ハ石川囑託ナウル島在戦中ノ事實ナリ

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警戒船船長ノ銃殺マデノ直接談

石川囑託ノキキタル

一、場所 ナウル島警備隊外科室（當時ナウル島支那人街）

一、月日 昭和十八年六、七月頃（警戒船ナウル・クサ
イ・ヤル・島經由ナウル入港當日）

一、集合セル者 船長ト石川、佐本兩囑託

（船長ノ談話）

赤道線ヲ少過セル地點ニ於テ船常備砲ヲ以テ二〇〇
米後方奥行ノ患者收容ボートヲ砲撃砲弾ハボートノ
後方一〇〇米ノ海上ニ落下患者一同起立日五重ニ撃
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ラク神ニ祈リノ歌ナラン、然ルニ警戒船ヨリハ引續
キ数弾砲撃、患者ハ相抱キ合ヒ殺サレボートハ遂ニ
テンブク大部分ノ患者ハ死亡セリ患者中ノ老人
HIBB KONG ハ最後マデボートニ止リタルモ遂ニ指揮
官命ニヨリ便乗警備隊員ニヨリ小銃ヲ以テ銃殺セラ
レタリ。

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昭和二十一年十月二十八日

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